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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : "Issues and Answers" Papers Relating to  
Congressional Investigations

1. Reference is your visit yesterday with the Action Plan Task Group, during which you were shown a chart titled, "Action Plan--Issues and Answers" under which were listed 12 topics.

2. Responsibility for preparing draft short papers on each issue was assigned, with deadline for submission to the Task Group on Tuesday, 21 October.

3. Each paper is to be prepared against a standard outline, as follows:

- A. The Problem (a statement of the issue)
- B. Position of the Select Committees (if not known, so indicate)
- C. Discussion (this will treat the various action options)
- D. Recommended Position (a statement of the preferred option)
- E. Proposed Action (essentially a recommendation as to how adoption of the preferred option might best be achieved.

4. Action assignments are as follows:

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- 1. What should be the role and position of the senior US intelligence officer?

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2. In what manner should strengthened Executive Branch oversight of intelligence activities be exercised?
4. How should the Intelligence Community budget be developed, reviewed and approved?
5. What structural changes are needed to improve effectiveness of the Intelligence Community?

(NOTE: Nos. 1, 4 and 5 probably will be combined in a single paper.)

OLC/OGC

3. By what mechanism could Congressional oversight of the Intelligence Community best be exercised?

DDO

6. What is the future of covert action? Where should this capability reside?

NIO

7. What is to be the mechanism for production of national intelligence estimates?

OGC

8. How can the Executive and Legislative Branches best be assured that CIA's foreign intelligence activities are conducted with due respect to the Constitutional rights of American citizens?

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9. How can Congressional need for substantive foreign intelligence best be accommodated?

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10. How should an orchestrated public relations program be handled? Thrust? Form? Content?

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11. What is the Agency position on various draft administration/legislative proposals? How can contributions best be made?

IG/All DDs

13. How can internal command and control of CIA be strengthened?


5. As basis for the task group discussion of yesterday, my Coordination Staff drafted and disseminated the attached set of nine issue papers, each of which identifies issue, indicates Congressional Committee attitudes where there has been any indication of such, suggests several potential action options, describes a proposed action and suggests action responsibility.

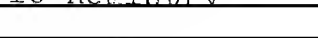
6. These drafts are provided for your information. Any comments, or proposed additional issues on which papers should be prepared, would be appreciated.

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